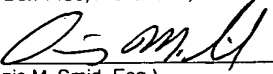


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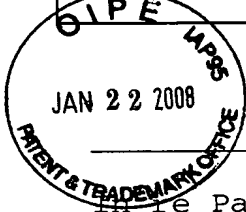
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 17, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.